

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-10-04

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
December 2, 2004

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
December 3, 2004

Expiration Date: June 30, 2005
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska winter hunting season by registration permit RC867 for Fortymile caribou in Unit 20(B) south and east of the Steese Highway to the Unit 20(B) boundary and in Unit 25(C) east of Preacher Creek and American Creek. The hunt was closed previously in the southern portion of Unit 20(E). The remainder of the RC867 hunt area in Units 20(D) and northern Unit 20(E) remain open.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.025(15)(20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season
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Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway		

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

Units and Bag Limits**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)****Nonresident
Open Season**

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under
combined resident and nonresident bag
limits in combination with Unit 20(D),
that portion north of the south bank of
the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), and the
remainder of Unit 25(C)

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Dec. 3
(General hunt only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Unit 20(D), that portion north of the
south bank of the Tanana River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under
combined resident and nonresident bag
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),
that portion south and east of the Steese
Highway, Unit 20(E), and the
remainder of Unit 25(C)

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

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Unit 20(E), that portion south of an
east-west line that passes through
milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway
(64° 00' 01" N. lat.)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

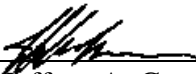
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, the remainder of Unit 20(E), and the remainder of Unit 25(C)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), that portion south of an east-west line that passes through milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway (64° 00' 01'' N. lat.), and the remainder of Unit 25(C)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1– Feb. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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Remainder of Unit 25(C)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, and Unit 20(E)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Dec. 3	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20

All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In March 2000, the Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (Harvest Plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2001 through 2006. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The winter hunt encompasses Unit 20(E) and portions of Units 20(B), 20(D), and 25(C). This winter's quota is 335 caribou. The Board instructed the Division of Wildlife Conservation to allocate the winter harvest between the subunits. Each year, depending on the herd's distribution, up to 60% of the harvest quota is allocated to the unit where most of the caribou are available. Currently, most animals are available along the Steese Highway in Units 20(B) and 25(C). The quota of 200 caribou for that portion of the hunt is expected to be met on December 3, 2004. The hunt has already been closed in the southern portion of Unit 20(E) to prevent overharvest of Nelchina caribou that moved into that area. The RC867 season is scheduled to remain open in Units 20(D) and northern Unit 20(E) until February 28, 2005, but will be closed sooner if the harvest quota is reached.